Assistance for Medical Colleges

2779. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have assisted financially the Dibrugarh, Guwahati and Silchar medical colleges and their hospitals during the last three years;

(b) if so, the mode of funding and how the funds were utilized; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to renovate these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Minister of Health has provided the financial assistance to the State of Assam under the Scheme 'Assistance for Capacity Building' as per details given below:

(i) Rs. 110.00 lakhs for providing facilities of hospital waste management in Guwahati Medical College, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, Silcher Medical College, Silcher and Mohendra Mohan Choudhary Hosptal, Guwahati during the year 2001-02.

(ii) Rs. 150 lakhs for strengthening of diagnostic facilities in Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh during the year 2001-2002. The utilization certificates are awaited from State Government of Assam.

A sum of Rs. 20.00 crores have been sanctioned by DONER under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of resources for the development of Assam Medical College & Hospital, Dibrugarh during the year 2002-03.

Modernisation of Hospitals in Chhattisgarh

2780. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to modernize all the Government hospitals in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the amount proposed for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Health being a State subject it is the responsibility of the State Government.

However, Central Government under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana proposes to set up a hospital on the lines of AIIMS in the State at Raipur.

Imbalance in Sex ratio

2781. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether death rate of female children has increased between 1999 to 2002;

(b) if so, the comparative death figures per thousand during 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002, at national level, State-wise;

(c) the comparative female births per thousand males during the above period, State-wise, and all India figures; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to correct the sex ratio?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) No Sir. According to the latest information available from Sample Registration System, Office of Registrar General of India, the female child (0.4 years) mortality rate per thousand population has declined from 24.5 in 1997 to 21.1 in 1999 at All India level. The comparative figures in the country and for 16 major states are given in the Statement enclosed.

The provisional figures of Census 2001 have revealed that the sex ratio for the age group of 0-6 years is 927 girls per thousand boys against 945 recorded in 1991 census. Some of the reasons commonly put forward to explain the consistently low level of sex ratio are:

- ✓ Son Preference;
- ✓ neglect of girl child resulting in higher mortality at younger age;
- ✓ female infanticide;
- ✓ female foeticide;